Superintendent of Police in the case of an IPS officer has not been prescribed as a condition for empanelment/appointment as Joint Secretary at the Centre. About 1500 officers belonging to the IAS and IPS have been empanelled for appointment at the level of Joint Secretary at the Centre. Information about the names of IAS/IPS officers who have not served as District Magistrate/Deputy Commissioner/Superintendent of Police is not readily available.

(c) The number of IAS officers posted in Delhi who had not served as District Magistrate/Deputy Commissioner for at least 2 years is 314. However, it may be relevant to add that many of these officers have field experience for two to three years having worked in other field posts like Sub-Divisional Officers, District Revenue Officers, Chief Executive Officers (Zila Parishad), Settlement Officers, District Development Officers etc.

Criteria evolved by Mathew Commission to identify Hindi speaking area

1979. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Methew Commission constituted to identify the Hindi speaking areas to be transferred to Haryana in lieu of Chandigarh, has evolved any criteria for such identification.

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what progress had so far been made by the Commission in this regard.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) : (a) to (c) The Commission is yet to submit its report. Its term has been extended up to 15th January, 1986.

Scrapping of LCA Project

1980. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT :
SHRI KISHOR MEHTA :
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Light Combat Aircraft Project is being scrapped ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Dr. S. R. Valluri, Director General of Aeronautical Development Agency and Shri Raj Mahendra, Chief Design Consultant have resigned, if so, the reasons therefor ;

(c) whether Government are negotiating with the General Electric Company of US for 404 engine for the LCA; and

(d) whether the cost of LCA is being revised ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH) : (a) No, Sir The programme is on schedule.

(b) Yes, Sir. Shri Raj Mahindra resigned on the ground that he believed that he did not enjoy the confidence and support of some at higher quarters connected with Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) administration. Dr. Valluri sent his resignation alongwith Shri Raj Mahindra's resignation on the grounds that as he had consistently supported Shri Raj Mahindra he too would have to go as he could be deemed to be the person who caused this embarrassment to the Government.

(c) The Government is negotiating with a number of engine manufacturers.

(d) No, Sir.